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ELAS On Top In Greece: British Cabinet Crisis

Move To Foil Allied Strategy

Battle For Athens: British Base Installations Shifted

ATHENS, December 12:—An American broadcaster in Athens stated today: "I do not know how much longer I will be able to broadcast. All Greece is now under ELAS' control except for the lower half of Piraeus Peninsular. The ELAAS is co-ordinating, and doubtlessly will try to force a decisive battle within the next few days before British reinforcements arrive."

After nearly one week's fighting British base installations are now being transferred into more central positions. They were originally placed where they could best serve relief purposes but are now being moved with an eye to large reinforcements which are expected shortly.

BATTLE FOR ATHENS

A three-hour battle between the British troops installed in post offices and groups of E.L.A.S. forces occupying Town Hall, was fought out during the night in Athens. A tank finally intervened firing on the upper storeys of the buildings and starting fires. The left wing of the Town Hall was in flames throughout the night. This morning groups of ELAS reoccupied the rest of the building and adjacent streets.

Reuter adds that the above message is the first received of fighting there since 5-20 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

All police forces in Athens have been placed under the direct orders of General Katsotas, Military Governor of Attara. Four classes which were ordered to be mobilised yesterday began to present themselves for enrolment this morning. It is hoped that they will produce a contingent of 3,000 men to reinforce the police. All these forces are intended to help in cleaning up those parts of the town occupied by the E.L.A.S.

Half a dozen 75-millimetre shells fell around the British Headquarters building in Athens on Monday.

R.A.F. Spitfires, Beaufighters and Wellingtons operated yesterday against ELAS strongholds north and west of Athens and west of port of Piraeus. Satisfactory results have been reported. Wellingtons used bombs with good effect east of Athens, it is stated. Spitfires and Beaufighters made three separate attacks on a quarry where a number of lorries had been observed unloading ammunition. Since yesterday, and Beaufighters made a series of cannon and machinegun attacks on the wooded highground overlooking the city's suburbs compelling ELAS forces to abandon many vantage points.

RED CROSS MEN WOUNDED.

It is announced that the delivery of Red Cross medical supplies to hospitals on both sides and distribution of flour and milk to the people of Athens have been suspended owing to injuries to civilian personnel. Red Cross trucks have been fired on and among the wounded are a member of the Red Cross and two U.N.R.R.A. members.

BRITAIN'S COST OF FREEING GREECE

LONDON, Dec. 12: Mr. Anthony Eden told the Commons to-day in reply to a question that the British Commonwealth suffered 40,000 casualties in killed, wounded, missing or prisoners in the operations to free Greece and Crete down to the time of the Germans' evacuation.

Britain also lost five cruisers, 13 destroyers, one sloop, three submarines and 47 minor vessels. The casualties were mainly suffered in 1. 1.—Reuter.

Dictatorship Of The Proletariat

A Greek staff major who has arrived in Athens from Salonika disclosed that the British authorities in Salonika evacuated by sea a hundred former Greek army officers, following the arrest of 200 others by E.A.M., following E.A.M Ministers resignation from the Cabinet on December 1.

The Greek Major said that although Salonika was "superficially calm" there was a "real dictatorship of the proletariat" and confirmed that Government representatives have ceased to be recognised by E.A.M. which has taken over the control which is exercised by a central administration committee composed of two communists and one liberal.

INDIAN SCIENTISTS DELEGATION IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.

The delegation of Indian scientists arrived in the United States for eight weeks' tour under the joint auspices of the Indian Agent General, the National Research Council and the State Department. It consists of Dr. Nazir Ahmad, Sir Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, Sir J. C. Ghosh, Professor S. K. Mitra, Prof. Meghnad Saha, and Prof. J. N. Mukherji.—Reuter.

British Terms To ELAS

LONDON, Dec. 12.

An American broadcaster speaking from Athens reported that an ELAS Emissary saw General Scobie to-day to discuss terms. The correspondent says that the terms given by General Scobie are, firstly, all ELAS forces are to leave Attica and secondly, ELAS will surrender all arms.

ALEXANDER IN ATHENS

The B. B. C. correspondent in Athens said: "Field Marshal Alexander is in Athens. He is accompanied by Harold MacMillan and had discussions with General Scobie."

Churchill's Instructions To Alexander

LONDON, Dec 11.

Field-Marshal Sir Harold Alexander, Supreme Allied Commander, Mediterranean theatre, has received personal instructions from the Prime Minister Mr. Churchill to end the fighting in Greece as quickly as possible provided this can be done with full assurance of future peace and co-operation among all political parties, says the diplomatic correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

CONGRESS PAMPHLETS B. P. C. C. Plan To Set Up Publications Board

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

Mr. S. K. Patil, General Secretary of the B. P. C. C., in a Press statement, says:

The need of simple instructive literature on the various activities of the Congress and especially the items of the constructive programme was never so keenly felt as at present. Congressmen in Bombay have been anxiously looking forward to some sort of definite scheme taking shape in the near future.

Some prominent Congressmen and Congress-minded authors and journalists of Bombay have now been able to organise a "Congress Publications Board." The object of this Board is to place in the hands of the people suitable literature on various topical questions in which the Congress is interested. In particular, the Board will arrange publication of pamphlets in various local languages on the programme and activities of the Indian National Congress. In all this literature care will be taken to present to the readers the Congress point of view as correctly as possible. The pamphlets published will be both of instructive and educative value. The Board intends to have every publication in five local languages, namely, Hindustani, Marathi, Gujarati, Urdu and English. The pamphlets will be sold at the cheapest possible prices both with a view to popularise them as well as to suit the pockets of poor readers.

I have no doubt that the people of Bombay will co-operate in every way with the plans of the Board and make the scheme a great success.

The following are the office-bearers of the Board:

President: Shri Dhirajlal B. Desai, Treasurer: Shri Umashanker Dixit, Jt. Secretaries: Shri G. A. Thakker and Shri G. B. Mahashabde.

A strong Editorial Committee has been appointed to make the plan of the subjects and to edit the pamphlets. A Special Committee of Management will look after the financial aspect of the project.

NO FEAR OF FAMINE IN KERALA

TRIVANDRUM, Dec. 11: The Director of Public Health, Travancore, in a statement contradicts the fears of a famine expressed by Srimathi Kamaladevi in an article on "Threat of famine ever Smiling Kerala."

He says that mortality rates have dropped considerably during the last four months. Information gathered from the Alleppey and Sherthallai reveal that cases of anaemic dropsy, dysentery and diarrhoea, common during the period of distress, have almost disappeared now. Workers of the Ramakrishna Mission, S. N. D. P. Yogum, Y.W.H.A., Y.M.C.A. who are engaged in relief work in Sherthallai also are agreed about the remarkable improvement in the conditions of Sherthallai and Alleppey.—A. P.

Members of the Indian delegation to the International Business Conference are shown outside the Westchester Country Club at Rye, New York, during the Conference. They are (left to right): Dr P. S. Lokanathan, Mr. A. R. Siddiqi, Dr. L. C. Jariwala, Sir Chunilal B Mehta, Mr. M. A. Fazalbhoy and Mr. G. L. Mehta.—U.S.O.W.I.

Amery Has Nothing New For People Of Burma

But Hopes Burmese Will Welcome Britishers As 'Liberators'

LONDON, Dec. 12.

MR. AMERY STATED IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY IN WINDING UP BURMA DEBATE "WHEN TIME COMES, I BELIEVE THE BURMESE WILL WELCOME US AS THEIR LIBERATORS, AND IT IS CERTAINLY IN THAT SPIRIT WE MEAN TO RETURN TO BURMA".

Regarding Burma's constitutional future, Mr. Amery said that he had repeated more than once the pledge which made British Government's principle on this matter clear. I gave it again in April 1943—that our aim was to assist Burma to attain complete Self-Government, as soon as circumstances permit, and that present circumstances did not allow a more precise statement.

Are circumstances of to-day such as they could allow more precise statement? "I look forward to Burma of the future working in full independence of India, but also in friendly fruitful co-operation with India."

Finally, Mr. Amery said with so many facts intermediate, it would be unwise at this stage for the Government to commit themselves to publicly announced programmes.

Opening the debate on Burma which took place on an address in reply to the King's Speech, Mr. Somerset De Chair, Chairman of the Burma Committee of the Conservative Party Imperial Affairs Committee, asked the Government what its Burma policy would be, after Burma was liberated.

Praising the 14th Army, Mr. Chair remarked: "This is no forgotten Army. It is a shield behind which India has enjoyed the Imperial prerogative of successful defence against aggression, and behind which British power has advanced once more to the banks of the Irrawaddy.

Mr. Chair said that the 14th Army had the right to know what sort of Burma they were fighting.

Burma regarded the Cripps Pledge that India should have a Constituent Assembly and Dominion Status at the end of hostilities if she could agree upon, as binding upon the British Government regarding Burma as well.

Asking for Government explanation where Britain stands regarding the Cripps pledge in relation to Burma, Mr. Chair said: "Until it is cleared up, it is extremely difficult to know to what extent we are in fact pledged to give Self-Government to Burma the moment the war is over."

"In 1945, we hope we shall be returning to Burma as liberators, not as conquerors as in 1885, and it is in this spirit, that I hope the problems of future Burma will be approached. It is not too much to hope that if our liberation proceeds swiftly, Burma may be the first Asiatic country to become a Dominion of the British Empire and a common member of a self-governing Commonwealth of Nations?"

Sir Stanley Reed asked for a clear, definite and unequivocal statement that the whole goal of British policy in Burma was the establishment of full Self-Government, and that that Self-Government should carry Dominion Status in the full implications of the onerous language of the Statute of Westminster under the Sign Manual of the King Emperor Sir Stanley Reed added, however, self-government could not immediately be established on the completion of the liberation of Burma. During the period of reconstruction, it is essential the Burma Office should be entirely separated from the India Office and transferred to the Dominion or other office.

Any sort of general statement that Self-Government shall be as soon as may be, or soon as economic conditions permit, would be regarded as a breach of faith between Britain and Burmese and therefore to be deplored.

Mr. Creech Jones, one of the Labour experts on the Colonial Affairs, said Burma was the signal of Britain's good faith and liberal intentions in that part of the world.

Mr. Jones thought a time lag of five or six years would cause considerable dismay and disappointment to the Burmese and react to the prejudice of British prestige and tend to dim what good faith still exists in the word of Britain.

Mr. Jones said Burma's objection to alien domination economically was because the whole regime had been treated as possession either by Britain or India.

TWO INDIAN SOLDIERS TO HANG

For Murder Of Young Village Girl

ALMORA, Dec. 12: TWO INDIAN SOLDIERS WHO WERE STANDING THEIR TRIAL UNDER SECTION 302 I. P. C. ON A CHARGE OF MURDERING A YOUNG BRAHMIN GIRL OF KANDA PATTI OF ALMORA DISTRICT HAVE EACH BEEN SENTENCED TO DEATH BY THE SESSIONS JUDGE KUMAON.—A. P.

CHIMUR MERCY PETITIONS.

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12.

The United Press understands that two mercy petitions have been made to the Governor of C. P. and Berar and the Governor-General pleading for relief from the capital punishments for the prisoners of the Chimur Case. Mrs. Anasuyabai Kale, Deputy President of the C. P. Assembly has come here to see the Law Member in this connection but the Law Member being out she could not see him.—U. P.

26 Witnesses Examined In Khuhro's Case

SUKKUR, Dec. 12.

In the case against Khan Bahadur Khuhro, his brother and three others evidence of ten prosecution witnesses was recorded to-day. They included police 'mushirs' who were present at different identification tests. Two witnesses pointed out accused Paryo in the Court. So far evidence of 26 witnesses has been completed. About 12 witnesses have been set out for the next week.—A.P.

U. S. Troops Reach Roer

German Defence Line In Danger

LONDON, Dec 12.—The following are the latest reports from Reuter's Special Correspondents on the Western Front:

U.S. FIRST ARMY H.Q.: The Roer river was reached on a thousand yard front during the night by First Army Infantry who stabbed through woods to its banks north-east of Brandenberg. Meerde was also taken before midnight.

U.S. FIRST ARMY: Making a sudden two thousand yard advance this morning, American troops and tanks pushed into the outskirts of Hoven and Mariawiler reaching a point within one mile north-west of Duren, anchor city of the entire German Roer river defence line and a key-town on the road to Cologne.

The 26th Infantry Division have advanced one mile to take Bliesbrucken, six miles east of Saareguemines, and they have now crossed the Blies river which flows through the town

S. H. A. E. F. Communique

S.H.A.E.F. PARIS, Dec. 12.

General Eisenhower's communique to-day states: "Allied forces driving towards the Roer river south-east of Julich are fighting house to house in Pier. Elements driving 2,000 yards east from Lucherberg reached Merken. In the area east and south-east of Langerwehe the villages of Echtz, Obergeich, Schlich and Merode were cleared of the enemy.

Mopping up is proceeding in Saargemund and our forces east of the town reached Bliesbrucken. South-east of Saargemund, we advanced to within one mile of Rimlingen. Snipers are being mopped up in Hagenau which is in our hands. In co-ordinated attacks beyond the city, we reached Walbourg to the north and the southern outskirts of Souffienheim to the East. Further progress was made in the Vosges mountains and in the vicinity of Thann towards reducing enemy held area west of the Rhine.

GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

To-day's German Communique said that the Americans made "enormous use of material" in a new bid to break through the German positions east of Aachen yesterday. Attacking on a thirty mile front, their infantry and tank formations made slight penetrations into the main German lines in some sectors. Allies thrust forward north-east of Hagenau.—Reuter.

RUSSIAN DRIVE FOR BUDAPEST

(From Reuter's Special Correspondent.)

MOSCOW, Dec. 12.

Hand to hand fighting is taking place in Budapest outskirts. Struggle is going on to-day from house to house, as the Russians begin to break into the city.

Red Army tanks and artillery are blasting paths into the defences of the Hungarian capital, while groups of Soviet Storm troops battle for isolated knots of resistance in savage fighting.

While the battle rages in Budapest outskirts, Marshal Malinovsky is spreading a trap for the German and Hungarian troops in the hills to the north-east.

Fierce clashes are taking place on the Danube highway running down the capital.

GANDHIJI STILL LOOKS FATIGUED

WARDHA, Dec. 12.—Mahatma Gandhi still looks fatigued. He spends two hours daily in spinning and cardiing.

Gandhiji visited the Commerce College Colony and witnessed a demonstration of physical exercise performed by the students this morning.

Gandhiji reads Yoga Vasishtha in the morning and the Patanjali Yoga-sutra in the afternoon. He is also reading Urdu books on Muslim Saints.

He visited the Balmandir and the Maharogi Sewa Mandal at Datapur this afternoon He will pay a visit to Maganwadi on Thursday and will be returning to Sevagram on Friday.

Mahatma Permits Kisan Emblem In Tri-Colour

NELLORE, Dec. 12.

Mahatma Gandhi, replying to Prof. N. G. Ranga M.L.A. (Central) regarding the emblems in the Kisan Flag, states: "I don't mind to differentiate, you can have your class emblem by the side of the national emblem."

Prof. Ranga had written to Mahatma Gandhi asking for his advice as to what flag he would recommend for peasant unions, handloom weavers' unions and such other unions which have agreed to accept the National Congress leadership, as they had decided to drop the Red Flag.—A. P.

STOP PRESS

Word "Deplores" Preferred

LONDON, Dec. 12: It was announced to-night that the emergency resolution on Greece, which will be moved on behalf of the Labour Party Executive as first business to-morrow, uses the word 'regrets' and not 'deplores'.—Reuter.

Fate Of Government Hangs On One Word

Will Labour "Deplore" Or "Regret" Events In Greece?

LONDON, December 12.

Tonight the fate of the Churchill Government hangs on one word.

The Labour Party Executive is drafting a resolution regretting the situation that has arisen in Greece and asking for immediate measures to end the conflict and create conditions under which a new and representative Government could be elected. This draft has not satisfied two of the big Trade Unions—Engineers and Railwaymen. They want to substitute for the word 'regret' that the labour party conference 'deplores' events in Greece.

This change, however, is interpreted by Labour Ministers as expressing direct censure on the Government of which they are members. It is believed they have stated that should this resolution be carried by the Conference, they would be compelled to resign from Mr Churchill's Government. To-night there is feverish activity in the Executive in an effort to iron out the difference between the Unions on the one hand and the Labour Ministers on the other.

REBELS PROGRESS.

To-day's Greek Communique as reported by the B.B.C's Athens correspondent said: "There has been no slackening of rebel resistance and although some progress has been made in the Pireaus and central sectors of the city, the general situation has improved little. Reinforcement have landed and some progress has been made in the past 12 hours against heavy resistance."

MORRISON GETS PLACE IN EXECUTIVE

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The Home Secretary, Mr. Herbert Morrison, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Labour Party, it is announced to-day, the second day of the conference. Mr. Morrison was defeated in last year's election, when he competed with Mr. Arthur Greenwood for the post of Treasurer.

The results announced to-day show Mr. Greenwood re-elected Treasurer and Mr. Morrison elected as one of the members representing the constituencies. Other new-comers to the Executive include Mr. Aneurin Bevan, one of Government's sharpest critics in Parliament, and Dr. Edith Summerskill, member of Parliament and a vigorous champion of women's rights.

AXIS MUST REPAIR WAR DAMAGE.

The conference carried by an overwhelming majority the resolution of the National Executive of the Party on international post-war settlement. This resolution said: "Neither the German nor the Japanese people as a whole can be acquitted of all responsibility for the crimes committed in their name and it is only just that they should make reparation to the victims of German and Japanese aggression as part of a controlled and ordered system for repair of war damage as soon as possible."

The Conference is convinced that no enduring peace is possible unless there is continuing co-operation between the British Commonwealth of nations, the U. S. S. R. and the United States. The Conference welcomes the large measure of agreement reached in the recent discussions at Dumbarton Oaks.

It approves the setting up of a Security Council charged with preserving the peace of the world against aggression and having at its disposal an international staff disposition of all adequate armed forces.

The Conference is determined that Germany and Japan shall be totally disarmed and their power to start new wars finally destroyed. All other nations should make their contribution towards the establishment of effective measures for future security. They will thus be enabled and should co-operate to reduce for all the heavy burdens of armament and eliminate profit-making from the manufacture and sale of arms.

The Conference welcomes proposals made at Dumbarton Oaks for an international political organisation and setting up of a world Court of Justice.

This resolution has now become the official policy of the Labour Party until the next Conference.

ATTLEE'S PLEA.

Moving the resolution, the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Clement R. Attlee, said that the Labour Party never agreed with those who thought that every German was irreclaimably vile nor with those who "shut their eyes to the fact that a great section of the Germans have been schooled in barbarism and still greater numbers acquiesced in perpetuation of crimes against humanity. The German and Japanese nations for years have been directed to false aims and ideals. A great moral and mental revolution will be required before they will be fit to be trusted" he declared.

The Labour Peer, Lord Strabolgi, supporting the resolution moved by Mr. Attlee said it reaffirmed the party's policy for expansion and plenty. "The proposals before us from the Bretton Woods Conference would hamper that intention." He said.

Lord Strabolgi also called the policy of unconditional surrender "disastrous," adding "I suggest our leaders and this Party should endeavour to moderate the Government policy for the sake of getting a quick victory."

The Conference accepted a resolution moved from the floor advocating immediate foundation by the United Nations of an educational programme to be carried out after the war with Germany and her Allies to counteract the poisonous propaganda and training which had been instilled in their youth."

5,000 HEAVIES RAID NAZI FACTORIES

Rail Yards And Synthetic Oil Plants Bombed

LONDON, Dec. 12: It is officially announced more than 1,250 American bombers escorted by more than 900 fighters to-day attacked important rail yards at Hanau, Darmstodt, and the Leuna synthetic oil plans at Merseeburg.

To-day's attacks by United States bombers included rail yards at Aschafenburg.

It is estimated at S.H.A.E.F. to-day that 5,000 planes, most of them heavy bombers, were engaged in yesterday's attacks on Germany. To-day's attacks on Germany may be on the same scale as yesterday's big offensive.—Reuter.

On Italian Front

ALLIED MEDITERRANEAN, Hq. Dec. 12: To-day's Allied communique stated: Activity on the fronts of both 5th and 8th Armies has been confined to patrols.

In the early hours of Sunday the United States destroyer 'Ludlow' and the French patrol vessel 'Sabre' met and engaged enemy coastal craft to the south of the Antibes. Two enemy vessels were sunk and their survivors captured.—Reuter.

NAZI'S GRANT SAFE CONDUCT.

LONDON, Dec 12: The German Government have granted safe conduct to British ships to convey supplies to the Channel Islands, declared the Home Secretary, Mr. Morrison in the Commons to-day.—Reuter

In Borma

East Africans Within 500 Yards Of Shwegyin

KANDY, Dec 12: Following is to-day's S.E.A.C. Communique:

CHINDWIN FRONT: East African troops advancing down the Kalewa-Yeu road are now within 500 yards of Shwegyin. Hill positions five miles east of Kalewa have been evacuated by the enemy.

NORTHERN COMBAT AREA: Troops of the British 36th Division consolidated positions in the Indaw sector yesterday and patrolled further east in the Katha sector.

A grounded enemy aircraft was destroyed, another probably destroyed and three damaged on Meiktila airfield on December 10. One Allied aircraft is missing.

Jap Oil Tanks In Borneo Set On Fire

PHILIPPINES, Dec. 12.

Gen. MacArthur's communique says: A 1,000-ton freighter was sunk and other vessels damaged.

In heavy bomber raids on petroleum installations at Tarakan and Balak Papan in Borneo direct hit ruptured pipelines and storage tanks and flooded the area with flaming oil.

TASK OF BR. FLEET IN PACIFIC

CANBERRA, Dec. 12: Admiral Bruce Fraser said here that future movements of the British Fleet in Pacific are dependent upon a conference with Admiral Nimitz at an early date. It is up to him to say what he wants to do with the Fleet.—Reuter.

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Mr. G. N. Majumdar, Editor-in-Chief of the Globe Agency (Hulton) Ltd., has come down to Bombay to open their News Service in the city. The office of the Agency is located in the Taj Mahal Hotel.—United Press.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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New York, Dec. 12.

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New York, Dec. 12.

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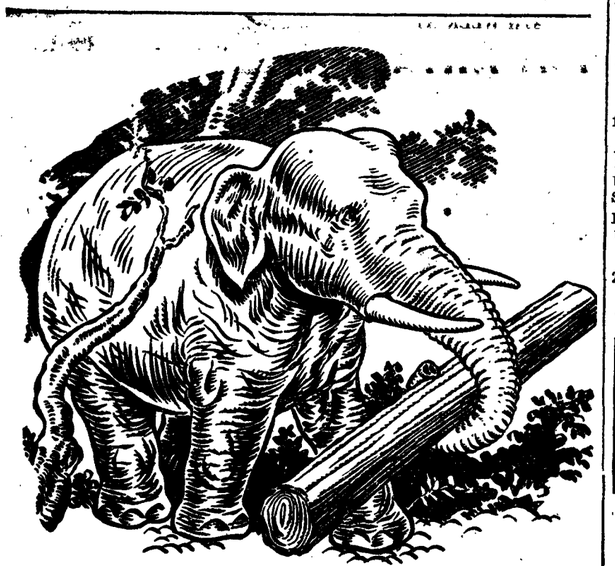

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Govt. Wobbling Over Issue Of National Shipping

Walchand Complains Of Absence Of Concrete Proposal Before Policy Committee

Mr. Walchand Hirachand has issued the following statement to the Press:—

There seems to be considerable misapprehension as to the work done at the meeting of the Shipping Policy Committee held in Bombay last week. Many friends have inquired of me as to what the meeting really achieved. I am sorry to say that except perhaps for placing the problem of Indian shipping on the map of Delhi, the official spokesman did not make any useful contribution to the solution of this vital national problem. On the contrary, I fully share Mr. Neogy's disappointment "at the tardiness of the Government in dealing with such important issues and their unpreparedness in the matter even at this late stage."

The Memorandum that was placed before the meeting and which was published in the press contained, no doubt, an indication of certain measures—half-hearted as they are—which, if effectively implemented, would make some little progress towards building up an Indian Merchant Navy. The public were, however, not told that the policy indicated in the memorandum has not received the support of the Government of India. In response to a categorical question, we are told that even the Commerce Department was not prepared to indicate the extent to which national shipping should advance, as was mentioned in the memorandum. This was really embarrassing for those who were invited to participate in the deliberations of the Policy Committee. As observed by a very distinguished representative of an Indian State during conversation with me after the meeting, it was really a waste of public time to ask persons to come from long distances for a two-hour Conference, when there were no concrete proposals for their consideration and decision. The meeting of the Policy Committee is practically postponed 'sine die.' We have been told that it is not likely to meet before May next.

Several issues of fundamental importance were raised by the non-official spokesmen at the meeting. For instance, they inquired as to

(1) whether the Government agreed with the universal opinion in the country as regards the national character of the constitution of an Indian Merchant Navy.

(2) whether the Government of India would reserve the coastal trade to shipping owned and controlled by Indians,

(3) what steps the Government would take for facilitating the building of ocean-going ships in India and for securing them from abroad,

(4) whether they had made or were prepared to make representations to His Majesty's Government that the advance of national shipping in India's maritime trades meant that the British shipping would have to withdraw to that extent,

(5) what steps they had in mind to ensure conditions of economic operation for Indian shipping, and

(6) whether the Government of India were fully in touch with international arrangements and international agreements in regard to shipping and whether they were party to such agreements and arrangements, and, if so, whether they had taken effective steps for protecting the interests of national shipping and its legitimate advance and development in the post-war period for carrying India's maritime trades and also for the carriage of an adequate share of the world trade, as mentioned in the Memorandum.

It was a matter, however, of grave disappointment to the non-officials who attended that meeting no light was thrown on these vital issues by the official spokesman and the meeting, therefore, could not know how the mind of the Government was moving in connection with problems, without the effective solution of which, there can be no National Merchant Navy for India in the post-war period.

The spirit of procrastination and the absence of a clear indication of concrete measures on the part of the Government of India for the development of a National Merchant Navy is in glaring contrast with the definite announcements of post-war shipping policy and the active deliberations carried on with shipowners for its effective execution by the Governments both of the United Kingdom and the United States of America. I am afraid, that, unless the Government study carefully the measures which are taken by other maritime countries for advancing the cause of their national shipping, and weigh fully their implications and their probable effect on the development of Indian shipping in the post-war period, and prepare here and now, without any further loss of time, well-thought-out schemes and measures in consultation and co-operation with the Indian public for the development of this great national industry, and take effective steps for putting them into action, the cause of Indian shipping will be lost for ever.

Bombay, 12-12-44.

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BENGAL APPEALS IN FEDERAL COURT

Question Of Validity Of Debt Relief Legislation

NEW DELHI, Dec. 12.

The Federal Court to-day passed orders in two sets of appeals relating to the validity of Provincial Debt Relief legislation including the Bengal Moneylender's Act.

The first set of seven appeals raised for decision a question which was left open in two previous judgments of the Federal Court, namely, the validity of Debt Relief Legislation enacted by Provincial Legislatures, so far as such legislation affects claims on promissory notes. Their Lordships allowed the appeals and the cases will be remitted to the High Court at Calcutta.

The second set of four appeals, which raise the question of the validity and operation of sections 30 and 36 of the Bengal Moneylender's Act 1940 were dismissed. In these cases the lender's rights, though based on promissory notes, had passed into claims under decrees before the enactment of the Act.

The Federal Court granted leave to appeal to the Privy Council in both sets of appeals.—A. P.

Bail To Sub-Inspector On Theft Charge

BOMBAY, Tuesday: Mr. T. S. Vyas, Presidency Magistrate, Dadar Police Court, directed that Sub-Inspector D. N. Tote, of the Prohibition Department to be released on bail of Rs. 10,000. The accused who was arrested by the Kingsway Police, is alleged to have been responsible for the theft of cash and jewellery from a flat at Dadar in the neighbourhood of his residence.

It was stated that a certain flat where the accused was living was already broken into when the accused came in the scene with a policeman. The accused sent along the policeman to fetch somebody to keep a watch on the flat.

Later, it is alleged, the accused was seen coming out with a silver spray and a trinket box.

The Sub-Inspector is under suspension pending investigation of the case.

K. C. Ibrahim Honoured

Under the auspices of the Khoja Sunnat Jamat, a unique social function was held on Monday evening, at the Jamat's hall in Bombay, to honour Mr. K. C. Ibrahim, who was mainly responsible for the Muslims' victory in the Pentangular Tournament of this year. Mr. Akbar A. Peerbhoy, was in the chair.

Mr. Ibrahim said that the success of the Muslims was due to team-spirit which example should be emulated by them in every walk of life.

Mr. Ibrahim was profusely garlanded.

Zionist Women's Bazar

On Monday Sir Victor Sassoon opened at the Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall a Bazar organised by the Women's International Zionist Organisation. The proceeds of the Bazar will go in aid of the unfortunate women and child refugees, who had suffered at the hands of the Nazis, and for the War Fund.

Tenders For Running Calcutta Tramways

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12: The "United Press" understands that the Calcutta Corporation has received tenders from some parties to run tramways as agent and each party has deposited Rs. 3 lakhs as earnest money.—United Press.

Mr. N. G. Virkar, Secretary, Bombay Hotel Owners' Association, gave a lecture on Monday at the Hornimman College of Journalism, Khalsa College, Matunga, Bombay.

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Presidential Address.
General Secretary's Report
Resolution on 'The Political Situation'

THURSDAY 14th: Resolutions on Students' Unity, Constructive Programme and Students' Demands. Relief, International Situation.

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Hightide: 11-05, 24-16.
Lowtide: 5-20, 17-22.

To-day's Engagements

SOUTH INDIAN BHAJANA SAMAJ: Harikatha Kalakshepam on 'Parvati Parinayam", at 9-0 p.m., by Sri Vijayaragha Bhagavathar of Mannargudi.

B. P ADULT EDUCATION: Prof. Anjaria will speak on 'Types of Planning', in the University South Wing to-day, at 6-15 p.m. The lecture is open to "all."

BOMBAY STUDENTS' UNION: Fifth Annual Conference at Sunderbai Hall, at 5 p.m., to-day, to-morrow and on Dec. 15. Sjt. S. Sengupta, Editor of "Student", will preside.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Jehangir Wadia Building, Question and Answer Meeting. Short Talk on "Reincarnation and Memory", 6-15 p.m., to-day.

ORDER OF THE MYSTIC STAR: A Ritual of the Mystic Star symbolising the common origin and essential unity of all religious will be held to-day (Wednesday), at 6-45 p.m. in the Blavatsky Lodge Building, Chowpatty.

DASTURJI BODE'S LECTURE: On "What steps should be taken to understand correctly the Zrathushtrian Religion and what books should be read" at Mazdaznan Temple Hall, opp. Churchgate Station, at 6-15 p.m.

TEXTILE STORES ASSN: As a mark of respect to Late Mr. Mohanlal M. Shah of the British Mill Stores Co. the Committee of the Textile Stores and Machinery Merchants' Association, Bombay, will close business to-day.

SAHITYA SAMMELAN: A public reception to Tarkateerth Laxmanshastri Joshi on his election to the Presidentship of the Sahitya Sammelan, (Bombay and Suburbs), at 9 p.m., at Kitte Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Road, (North) Dadar, on behalf of Sarvajanik Vanchanalayan Vatkritwa Sabbha, Navagraha Mandal, and Peoples' Welfare Society.

NEW ERA SCHOOL: The school will observe a "Parents' Week" from Saturday, (Dec. 16) to Wednesday, (Dec. 20). On Saturday afternoon annual games, sports and scout rally will be held on Gowalia Tank Maidan, while on Sunday evening there will be meetings of past students and parents and show of educational films. On Tuesday and Wednesday, there will be exhibition of children's work, music, dances, short plays in Gujerati and English.

BHAGINI SAMAJ SEVA MANDIR: The annual social of Bhagini Samaj Seva Mandir will be held in the premises of Seva Mandir, Bellasis Road, Byculla, on Saturday, the 16th inst., at 5 p.m. (S. T.), when an interesting programme will be staged by the children of Seva Mandir, besides a demonstration of the activities of the institution. The function will be presided over by Sjt. Nagindas Master, Mayor of Bombay. Members and workers of Samaj are earnestly requested to attend the function

PLANE CRASH OVER GANGES

District Magistrate Of Bhagalpore Among Drowned

PATNA, Dec. 11.

A plane crash was responsible for the death of Mr Gonslaves, I. C. S., District Magistrate, Bhagalpore and several others who were drowned in the Ganges in an "accident" on December 6, reported earlier, it is revealed in a press note issued by the Government today.

REMOVAL OF RAIL CAUSED PUNJAB MAIL ACCIDENT

PATNA, Dec. 12.

The derailment of the down Punjab Mail near Arrah on the main line of the E.I.R., on November 23 was caused by the removal of a rail according to a communique issued by the Bihar Government.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

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All-India Badminton

Madgavkar And Mugwe In Exciting Struggle

A heavy programme was gone through at the Bombay Gymkhana on Tuesday evening in the All-India Badminton Championships Tournament. Most of them were easy affairs for the favourites. Madgavkar, the Bengal Champion, however, had a hard tussle with Mugwe, especially in the second game. With a little more luck the Bombay player might have equalised.

The following are the results:

MEN'S SINGLES

Ashok Nath beat P. A. Chavan 15—2, 15—3; Prakash Nath beat B. Banerjee 15—7, 15—2; G. Lewis beat C. B. Kalappa 15—3, 15—5 H. Ferreira beat Om Prakash 15 2, 15—5; V. A. Madgavkar beat D. G. Mugwe 15—9, 18—16.

MEN'S DOUBLES

J. T. Ferreira and D. A. Ferreira beat J. B. Desai and R. H. Samath 15—0, 15—7; Ashok Nath and Prakash Nath beat T. M. Seth and R. K. Seth 15—11, 15—5.

MIXED DOUBLES

Miss T. Deodhar and Devinder Mohan beat Miss A. R. Vimadalal and R. Banerji 15—9, 15—5, Miss M R. Vimadalal and K. M. Rangnekar beat Miss L. M. Merchant and B Banerji 15—11, 15—6; Mrs. Herenjal and D. Charanjit beat Miss A. Prasadnis and C. S. Gopal 15—10, 17—15; Miss M. R. Chinoy and K. R. Lotwalla beat Miss Barlow S. P. Wood 15—0, 15—7; Miss Suman Deodhar and S. Bose beat Miss Dhurandhar and S L. Jaim 15—7, 15—2, Miss James and S. Hamiduzzafar beat Miss Mehta and M. N. Desai 9—15, 15—9, 15—8.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES

Miss T Deodhar and Miss Sunder Deodhar beat Miss T Bagwe and Miss Nigudkar 15—6. 15—12; Miss M. R. Vimadalal and Miss A. R. Vimadalal w.o. Mrs Herenjal and Miss Mendis; Miss Suman Deodhar and Mrs. Malhotra beat Miss Dhurandar and Mrs. Lewis 15—7, 15—7.

Ranji Trophy

BENGAL DEFEATS U. P.

CALCUTTA, Dec 12.

Bengal defeated the United Provinces by 75 runs in the first round of the East Zone of the Ranji Trophy. And this qualified to meet the winners of the match between Holkar and Behar in the East Zone semi-final of the tournament.—A P.

SAPRU CONTACTS JINNAH

Sapru Writes To Jinnah And Savarkar

HYDERABAD, Dec. 12: Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru the chairman of the Conciliatory Committee has addressed letters to Messrs. Jinnah and Savarkar, and Mr. Shyamprasad Mookerji and Master Tarasingh requesting them to allow him to see them personally so that he may be able to clear certain points regarding the aims and policy of their respective organisations, which would enable the Committee to arrive at a fair solution of India's problem.—O. P.

Retired Judge To Serve On Sapru Committee

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 11.

Mr. Agha Haider, a retired Judge of the Lahore High Court has accepted, to serve on the Sapru Conciliation Committee. His is the 26th name announced.—A P.

INCIDENT AT ANTI-PAKISTAN CONFERENCE

Kelkar Endorses Secretary's Unconditional Apology Offered To Press Representatives

The following letter has been addressed to Mr. S. Sadanand, by Mr. N. C. Kelkar, the President of the Anti-Pakistan Conference held in Bombay last week-end.

"As President of the Anti-Pakistan Conference held on the 9th and 10th December 1944, I wish to make a statement on the untoward incident which occurred in the Conference on Sunday during the proceedings. It is absolutely true that a Press representative was mis-handled and assaulted by a volunteer. And naturally the Press representatives as a body resented it, but as soon as a word was brought to me about this I myself addressed the Press Gallery from the platform assuring them that the Press was in fact our benefactor and that it must be treated with proper courtesy and consideration.

But at the same time I told them that an open inquiry about the incident could not be held on the spot while the proceedings were actually going on. I promised that on Monday I would give as much time as may be required for a proper inquiry if any parties came to me for the purpose. But practically the incident was closed on the spot by a private apology tendered by Raja Narayanlal Bansilal as Chairman of the Reception Committee and a public apology, sincere and unconditional, offered on the platform by the Secretary Mr. Dhamdhere at the end of the Conference.

When I intervened sometime before that and addressed the Press Gallery from the platform I had requested them to forget the incident for my sake and not to leave the Conference and to my knowledge most of the Press reporters remained in their seats to the end. I wish to close this communication to you by personally endorsing as President the unconditional apology offered by the Secretary. I think you need no assurance from me, that being a journalist all my life I shall do my utmost always to uphold the prestige of the Press and show them the utmost courtesy so far as I can do it as any office-bearer in any conference.

I shall feel grateful if you could give full publicity to this letter of mine in your Journal and wind up the whole affair.

FOREST OFFICER KILLED IN MISHAP.

PATNA, Dec. 12: A report just received from Chaibassa says that Mr. B. C. Sinha, Divisional Forest Officer, Parhar and Kolhan Division, met with a fatal motor accident on the Barkela Forest Road on eighth evening. It is gathered that the car which Sinha was driving himself turned turtle while negotiating a bend. Mr. Sinha's family escaped with slight injuries.—United Press\

FOUR ARRESTED FOR ALLEGED MURDER.

MIRAJ, Dec. 12: The Sawantwadi State Police have arrested the four Prabhudesai brothers in connection with the murder of Mr. S. D. Kadam.—United Press.

SANTINIKETAN, Dec. 11: Mr. Bikram Jit Hasarat, Nizam lecturer in Persian in the Islamic Department of the Visva Bharati, has been admitted to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy of the Calcutta University on his thesis entitled "Sirr-i-Akbar".—A. P.

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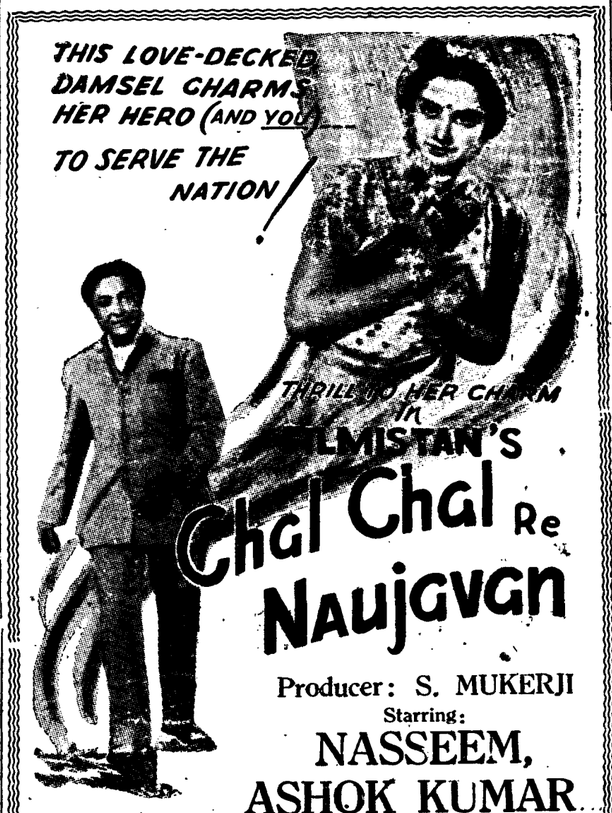
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ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 12: Following is the weather chart showing maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at nine hours on 9-12-1944:—

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Little learning is needed when the heart is right, and great learning will profit nothing if it is wrong.

—Spalding.

The Bombay Chronicle

BRITISH LABOUR'S DILEMMA

Great interest attaches to the annual conference of the British Labour Party which is now meeting in London. It is faced with a critical issue of world import and its decisions will be awaited with keen expectancy everywhere, particularly in Britain and Europe. That issue is centred in Labour's attitude to Mr. Churchill and his policy as revealed by recent events. The liberation of countries from Nazi domination has released Leftist, that is genuine democratic, forces everywhere, through the emergence of the resistance movements which were inevitably dominated by the Left. This is a natural consequence of a natural situation. The war against Hitler and Mussolini was a war for democracy. It was fought by the common people constituting both regular armies and "resistance" guerillas for a new and democratic order. The common man wants the fruits of the victory in which it was he who contributed toil, sweat, tears and also blood. But he finds attempts being made openly or indirectly to rob him of those fruits and to impose upon him what is virtually *status quo ante-bellum*. This is not what he fought for and this is not what the Labour Party can accept unless it plays quizzling—there is no other word for it—to its principles and to the peoples of Britain and the continent.

Here arises, however, British Labour's dilemma. The Labour Party is formally and actually part of the coalition presided over by Mr. Churchill and its leaders in the British Cabinet share, as they must, joint responsibility with the Conservative champions of the traditional ruling classes throughout Europe, for policies pursued by Messrs. Churchill and Eden. But at the same time Labour does not want to leave the coalition yet, even Professor Harold Laski urging it as the duty of Labour to support Mr Churchill "until victory in Europe is both overwhelming and complete." That, of course means that Mr. Churchill is free to pursue whatever policy he desires even to the extent of queering the pitch for the Left Wing in Europe well before the time for electioneering contests after the end of the European war. And Mr. Churchill is pursuing it too. But there is threatening to arise another complication. Reuter's report that "the Labour Party Executive to-night was faced with a strong resolution voicing grave disquiet at the British Government's action in Greece and calling for immediate cessation of hostilities there and for non-intervention in the internal affairs of liberated countries". This resolution is a serious enough matter in itself. But it has been rendered even more serious by the very noteworthy fact that it has been presented by Mr. Philip Noel Baker, who is Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Transport. We may incidentally mention that the resolution and specially its sponsor constitute an ironical commentary on claims that Mr. Churchill's defence of British policy in Greece was supremely brilliant, effective and convincing! Now Mr. Noel Baker is very definitely a member of the British Government if not a member of the British Cabinet. His resolution has given rise to a situation which is both piquant and serious. If the resolution is pressed and carried it will be a repudiation of the coalition and a declaration by Labour of lack of confidence both in Mr. Churchill and in its own leaders as members of the coalition. What will they do in the circumstances? A crisis is threatening the Labour leaders and the coalition. But Mr. Churchill will also be faced with a difficult dilemma. And it is only fair and just that he should be faced with it, for, the main responsibility for the whole trouble rests with him as its militant inspirer and originator.

We have noticed a sympathetic and platitudinous references to India also in Professor Harold Laski's speech. It does not even amuse us to be assured that the British Socialist could not be happy "while India remained a vast prison house of which the keys were kept in Downing Street". The British Socialist is no less responsible for making of India, and for maintaining it as a vast prison house than the British Conservative and Liberal. He talks as proudly of the "Empire" as his non-socialist compatriot. And his record is no brighter where India and the Empire are concerned. The keys are certainly in Downing Street, but the Right Honourable Socialist Ministers, too, keep guard over them.

Lamentable Failure

If one fact more than any other emerges from the second report of the Commission of Inquiry set up by the Government of India into the Bombay Docks explosions of April last, it is that there was total unpreparedness on the part of every party concerned, whether it was the military authorities, the Government of Bombay, the Port Trustees, the Municipal Executive, the Fire Brigade, the Commissioner of Police, or the A. R. P. organisation, to cope with an eventuality like that which faced them on 14th April 1944. The first report of the Commission which had dealt with the circumstances connected with the explosions had revealed the culpable neglect on the part of the shipping and other authorities concerned to take elementary precautions before allowing a steamer laden with highly inflammable and explosive materials to enter the harbour and be berthed alongside the wharf. The second report reveals an equally lamentable failure on the part of every authority concerned adequately to grasp the requirements of the situation immediately after the explosions with the consequence that more extensive loss to shipping and property in the docks area was allowed to be sustained than need have occurred.

The Commission have stated that, though nearly every part of Prince's and Victoria Docks was accessible after 9-30 p.m. on the 14th April, nothing was done by anybody till 10-30 a.m. on the 15th by way of fire-fighting and salvage on an organised basis in these docks. It would appear from the Commission's findings that every authority concerned regarded the two docks as practically lost and that all attention was diverted to the urgent task of preventing the fire from spreading into Alexandra Dock and westwards across Mahomed Ali Road into the city. We entirely agree with the Government of India's view that any failure to accomplish the latter task "would probably have, on the one hand, put the whole port out of commission and, on the other, paralysed Bombay, as an industrial centre and an operational base for many months". Still one cannot get over the fact, which the Commission have rightly emphasised, that "incorrect deductions were drawn from early appreciations of the situation" and the Prince's and Victoria Docks were abandoned to their fate without any effort to arrest the fire. Even the conference convened by and presided over by the Governor at 8 p.m. on 14th April failed to realise that anything could be done to save these two docks from further damage during the night and merely resolved to concentrate all attention on the prevention of the spread of the fire to the Alexandra Dock and westwards into the city. As pointed out by the Commission, there were a substantial number of trailer pumps in private hands such as mills and factories, which if a call had been issued by any authority, would have become available and proved very serviceable in coping with the fire in the Prince's and Victoria Docks But none of the authorities deemed it necessary to issue such a call.

But the root of the entire trouble appears to have lain in the fact, recorded by the Commission, that there was absence of "a supreme authority, who could issue operational orders which it was too late to set up after the emergency had occurred." The Commission have expressed the view that if there had been set up in advance of the emergency a recognised centre of control with a commander vested with supreme powers and known in advance to all the fighting and civil services the manpower and resources available could have been more effectively employed. The Government of India has accepted the view that there is need, in an emergency of the nature which occurred in April last, of authority with power to co-ordinate and control the activities of the different services civil and military in all major ports, so as to ensure that all available resources are used to the best advantage. The Government resolution states that Government has already taken action in that regard, but the public have yet to know the nature of this action. We defer to a future occasion our comments on some of the other findings of the Commission.

Frankly Speaking

An American Appeal

We published on Monday the text of the letter addressed to the Earl of Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, by 127 prominent Americans, urging him to transmit to his Government their request for the immediate release of the Congress leaders. Though the request has obviously fallen on deaf ears, it is worthwhile noting that these prominent citizens of the United States of America, among whom are well-known educationists, divines, scientists, journalists and other men and women of light and leading, have made out an unanswerable case for their demand for the release of the Indian leaders. As they point out, the continued imprisonment of these leaders, who have long been known for their devotion to the ideals of freedom and democracy and for their opposition to Fascism, is "an ever-present challenge to our professed war aims and a denial of those broad principles of human rights upon which true civilisation anywhere must be founded." But, as events since the outbreak of war have amply shown and are still showing not only in India, but even in European countries just liberated by the arms of the United Nations, the British Government has, evidently, aims and plans of its own, differing vitally from those of her Allies, to which it means to stick even if it has to incur the severe displeasure of the majority of the "United Nations" and condemnation at the bar of world-opinion. The brutally frank speeches of Churchill, Eden, Amery and Co., have made this fact too plain to be mistaken.

Propagandist Pronouncements

If Lord Halifax has taken the trouble of forwarding the letter to his Government, the latter has probably asked his Lordship to tell the signatories to mind their own business and not poke their noses into matters which are the sole concern of the British. The President of the United States may continue to tell the world that Indian affairs at war time are the "concern" of his Government, too—but he knows fully well what value the world will attach to such wartime propagandist pronouncements. The Indian public have by this time fully measured the weight to be attached to sympathetic pronouncements regarding India made even in the highest American official quarters. The letter of the leading American citizens addressed to the British Government has merely exposed the high-sounding pretences of British statesmen but Indians know that it is by their own efforts they must wrest their birthright of freedom from unwilling British hands.

INDIA LEAGUE PLEA FOR LEADERS' RELEASE

LONDON, Dec. 12.

Strong pleas for the release of imprisoned Indian leaders were voiced at a public meeting held by the India League here last night.

The meeting passed a resolution protesting against the policy of the British Government in India which "has resulted in and perpetuates grave conflict and deadlock isolating vital elements in Indian life both from the conduct of Indian affairs and from effective participation alongside the United Nations." The resolution also protested against continued imprisonment of "thousands of Indian patriots including national leaders" and demanded their release forthwith and the establishment of a "truly National Government in India."

The President of the Amalgamated Engineering Union, Mr. Jack Tanner, who presided, suggested that British Labour should send a delegation to India to investigate the situation there. "The situation is tragic and is largely the responsibility of the British people," he said. Unless the policy the British Government had been following for years was cast aside they would not be doing their duty as free citizens of Britain.

FICTITIOUS CHARGE

The President of the All-India Trade Union Congress, Mr. S. A. Dange, declared that Indian leaders were imprisoned, because they were supposed to be fifth columnists who represented nobody but themselves. "The millions of India are supposed to be represented by Mr. L. S Amery," he said. The Commission investigating India's war effort had reported that 500 ships were awaiting repair in Bombay harbour. The imprisonment of Indian leaders was sabotaging the country's war effort and the cost of living in Indian industrial towns had gone by 200 per cent, Mr. Dange added.

Bengal M. L. A.s' Plea For Release Of P. C. Ghose

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12.—The release of Dr. Prafulla Chandra Ghose, a member of the Congress Working Committee "whose condition has further deteriorated" is urged in a joint statement issued by Mr. A. K. Fazlul Huq, ex-Chief Minister, Bengal, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee, Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, Mr. Shamsuddin Ahmed, Mr. Kiran Sankar Ray and Mr. Hemchandra Naskar, the non-official party leaders of the Bengal Legislative Assembly.

KHER AT RATNAGIRI

RATNAGIRI, Dec. 11.—Mr. B. G. Kher, ex-Premier of Bombay, arrived here from Kolhapur yesterday. Last night he attended a cosmopolitan social dinner. He met to-day local Congress workers and discussed with them problems relating to the Constructive Programme. He also attended functions arranged for the encouragement of Hindi. Mr. Kher will leave for Bombay this evening by steamer.—A.P.

BETTER PROSPECTS FOR LABOUR

Churchill "Deal" In Greece, Italy And Belgium May Mar Conservative Chances In General Election

BY PROF. GEORGE CATLIN
(SPECIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO "CHRONICLE")

LONDON, Dec. 9

Speculation in London is rife as to whether the General Election in view of the present German resistance will come off in Spring or Autumn. The Labour Party wants Autumn election by which time there is reason to hope many of the troops not required for Japanese war, will be returning. On the other hand, the Conservative Party machine seems likely to press for very early election on the ground that the present Parliament is already, save two, the longest in British history.

Electoral chances of the Conservative Party, great although they must be, are not likely to be improved by events in Greece, Italy and Belgium where certain lack of any guiding principle is thought by many to be displayed. Besides affecting Mr. Eden's chances of future leadership of the Conservative Party owing to these 'contretempts,' the Labour Party may recover the initiative which it is accused of having lost.

FIRING ON PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION

Whereas in Brussels, it was suspicious that at least one demonstrator is alleged to have been found, when searched, to have grenades in his pocket, in Athens, the "Daily Herald" correspondent reported vigorously on the brutality of the police firing on a small body of peaceful demonstrators

The Premier when questioned in the Commons scored the points that demonstrators were not so peaceful elsewhere in Athens' area and that anybody who induced young folk and children to go on demonstrations into the area strictly banned to demonstrators had a grievous responsibility.

Mr. Eden's replies were not equally convincing to those who enquired why his statement that Count Sforza had been manoeuvring against the head of the Italian Government, of Bonomi, had been denied by Bonomi himself. Sgr. Bonomi had ironically commented that there was doubtless some mistake and he meant Mr. Badoglio.

CHICAGO SPLIT

If anything could place strain on Anglo-American relations, it has been the recent events. Although Adolf Berle has lost his position as Assistant Secretary of State, he has been thanked by Mr. Roosevelt for his conduct at the Chicago Civil Aviation Conference. As a consequence of this Conference, Britain and to some extent British Commonwealth, have retreated into a defensive position and America, has entered for her European air connections into an arrangement with Spain.

Although the Conference has been acclaimed as a success by those who believe in approaching world problems "technically" a few more such technical successes and united nations might be a thing of the past.

Nevertheless, the release in America of British Whitepaper on Lease-lend produced a wave of pro-British comment in the press. This was followed by the appointment of Stettinius the well-known advocate of close Anglo-American relations as Hull's successor.

Hopes that might have been raised were dashed by Stettinius' first official act which was to dissociate the United States from British policy in Italy as touching Sforza and by implication elsewhere. Indeed Italians and British were mentioned in the same breath. This has not prevented British policy from getting very favourable press according to London reports in New York.

The "New York Times" is selected for comment as saying: "This attitude finds its first and foremost justification in the requirements of military security which cannot permit violence and civil war behind Allied armies."

However "New York Sun" significantly suggests "the rapid advance of Russian influence throughout Europe created a schism between London and Moscow."

London Press carries comparisons between British and Russian policy in the Balkans not always to the advantage of the former, which Labour journals suggest is burdened by a desire to promote the cause of monarchy.

INDIAN PRINCES' DEMANDS

The refusal of the Viceroy to acquiesce in the demands of Indian Princes received some notice here but it would be idle to pretend that the British public is greatly interested. The suggestion is made in the press that changes to which Princes object would lead to greater administrative efficiency at least in cases of smallest States and more financial equity.

LADY ASTOR

The celebration of Lady Astor's "twenty-five years in Parliament" as first woman M.P. to take her seat—Irish Countess Markewitz never sat—is quickly followed by the announcement that she does not propose to contest a seat again. At the moment, her prospective opponents are the wife of a retiring Labour Party Secretary, Mr. Middleton, and the well-known Communist woman leader, Mrs. Isabel Brown. In 1929 Unionist majority was only 2:1. Last Sunday also, saw a memorial service to Dorothy Evans, the energetic organiser of "Women for Parliament Movement" who died recently.

Wodehouse still remains the cause of embarrassment to the Government. Apparently there is some doubt whether "being a quisling" is an actionable offence. Government therefore will be probably relieved if the French are prepared to deal with the matter.

RUSSO-POLISH DEADLOCK

The late Premier of Poland and Acting Chairman of the Polish Peasant Party will be addressing the British Institute of International Affairs next week on conditions of Russo-Polish settlement. However, since the Institute promotes understanding in international affairs by having meetings that are strictly confidential, it is improbable that public opinion will quickly be swayed by his remarks. the tenor of which Foreign Office probably already knows.

The Tagore Society has held a meeting in a leading London hotel with the Catholic Peer and a well-known patron of arts, Viscount Tredegar, in the chair.

It was announced that as a result of the success of Indian Art Exhibition in last June, it was honed to open a far ambitious exhibition to promote the understanding of Indian art and culture in 1946.

India Govt. More Concerned With Show Than Results

Sir Raza Ali Urges Recall Of High Commissioner From South Africa

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

In an address to the Imperial Indian Citizenship Association, Sir Syed Raza Ali M.L.A. (Central) and formerly Agent to the Government of India in South Africa urged the withdrawal of the Indian High Commissioner from South Africa.

He said that the rules published by the Government of India under the Reciprocity Act were purely academic and did not touch even the fringe of practical issues. The Government of India were more concerned with producing impression than achieving results.

Sir Raza Ali stressed the need to adopt stern measures against South Africa and asked what was it that was holding back the Government of India from putting a ban on the import of wattle bark into India. The next item of imports that could profitably be prohibited consisted of South African wines, brandy and liquors of which a rapidly increasing amount had been imported into India since the war. South African tinned provisions and canned fruit should also be prohibited and Government should consider the question of diamond imports. The export of hessian from Calcutta should be banned. The need for gunny bags, he said, was the greatest in Natal, the population of which province was doing its level best to segregate Indians and degrade them.

FRANCHISE FOR INDIANS

There were two questions of paramount importance, Sir Raza Ali continued. The first was the grant of franchise to Indians in the Union. The Native Franchise Bill was passed in 1935 when he was in South Africa. That measure was initially wrong since it enabled the native population to elect white representatives only to the assembly and the Senate of the Union. The proper procedure would, of course, be to register qualified Indians on the Common Roll and to give them the right of vote not on a communal but on a citizenship basis. During his stay in South Africa he addressed a number of meetings mostly attended by Europeans. The Europeans there might be short-sighted and selfish, but they quite realised that it was impossible to deny the franchise to Indians after enfranchising the native population.

"REPEAL PEGGING ACT"

"Some of my countrymen", Sir Raza Ali said, "seem inclined to the view that a conference between the representatives of the Governments of the two countries is likely to ease the tension. The advocates of this policy do not realise that a conference at this juncture is the last thing to do our people in South Africa, any good. To begin with, the Union Government has no desire to negotiate with us. Secondly, even if there was such a desire it would naturally lead to a consideration of the Natal Ordinance in detail without touching the question of segregation on which it is based. I am free from doubt that instead of appealing to or begging the South African whites or the Union Government to open negotiations with us, we, on our part, should firmly decline to negotiate with them unless the Pegging Act is replaced and the assent to the Natal Ordinance refused for good".

Referring to Field-Marshal Smuts' reply to the Natal Indian Congress delegation, Sir Raza Ali said that the reservation of the Natal Ordinance amounted to nothing.

Earlier in his speech, Sir Raza Ali referred to the rules published under the Reciprocity Act and said: "Constituted as the Government of India at present is, I think we should be thankful even for small mercies and it is only in this light I welcome the rules'.—A. P.

Clinical Uses Of "Penicillin"

An interesting lecture, full of informative material to the medical world, was delivered by Lt.-Col. S. S. Bhatnagar, at the Bombay Medical Union Hall, Blavatsky Lodge Bombay, on Tuesday evening. The subject was the much discussed modern drug "Penicillin", the recent discovery of which promises to revolutionise modern therapy.

Lt.-Col. S. S. Bhatnagar, explained the efficacy with which penicillin could be administered in virulent diseases like meningitis gonorrhoea diptheria and non-sensitive infectious likke typhoid, dysentery etc.

In diseases like diabetes, penicillin did not work.

Penicillin the speaker said, was almost instantaneous in effect, in certain cases and clinical experience demonstrated its presence in urine and sputum.

It could be successfully used against strapyrocal and syphilitic germs, concluded the speaker.

Muslim Majlis Workers' Meeting

A meeting of the workers of the All India Muslim Majlis came off at its office on Sunday evening. Explaining the aims and objects of the Majlis, Mr Adam Adil observed that it provided a common platform for all nationalist Muslims with the object of preparing the Muslim community for its legitimate share in the struggle for freedom. Radical changes were necessary to remove the economic and social disabilities of Indian Muslims, but this could be done only after the achievement of freedom. Raja Gulzar Khan explained how the Muslim Majlis originated and exhorted the Muslims to follow its lead.

BOMBAY MEETING DEPLORES SIND BAN

"Not Isolated Act Of Erratic Ministry", Says Munshi

A resolution condemning the ban imposed by the Sind Government on Chapter XIV of "Satyarth Prakash" was passed unanimously at a public meeting of the citizens of Bombay held at the Blavatsky Lodge on Tuesday night. Mr. Nagindas T. Master, the Mayor of Bombay, presided.

The resolution characterised the ban as unjust and stifling the religious liberties of the people, and called upon the Sind Government and the Viceroy to withdraw it.

Mr. Master in the course of his presidential remarks exhorted the audience to carry on the struggle for getting the ban removed.

FLAGRANT ENCROACHMENT

According to Mr. K. M. Munshi, who moved the resolution, the ban implied that under a modern Government the people's right to study the scripture of their own sect could be prohibited. If such a claim was conceded all scripture would come under it. The attempt to ban a portion of a religious book was a flagrant encroachment upon the religious liberty in this country.

Mr. Munshi further deplored that the ban was imposed under the Defence of India Act. According to him the question involved was purely a question of religious liberty and was not to be mixed up with politics He could not look upon the ban as an isolated act of an erratic ministry. It appeared to him to be the result of the mental habit of looking upon the provincial governments as intended to serve religious ends. This was a dangerous habit and had to be checked before it could create further mischief.

MAYOR'S TEA-PARTY TO OUTGOING COMMISSIONER

A galaxy of ex-Mayors of the Bombay Municipal Corporation attended a tea-party, given in honour of Mr. M. D. Bhat, the outgoing Municipal Commissioner, by the Mayor and the Councillors at the Corporation Hall, on Tuesday.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Bhat said that one of the post-war tasks to which the Corporation would have to address itself would be to reduce the want and misery in the city. Little did he know the complexion of the work he would have to do when he came as a Commissioner, six years ago. He was only accustomed to pass orders and rarely did he appear before the public. To listen to the criticisms in the House was a new experience to him; but very soon he adjusted himself to the atmosphere and the humour, conscious or unconscious, of the situation. Events crowded in during his tenure of office. They taxed the intelligence and the energy of the Executive but they emerged out of the difficult situation fairly satisfactorily, though the conditions were abnormal. And these conditions made it impossible for them to undertake and executive measures for the improvement and expansion of Municipal services and they had to content themselves with marking time.

LIGHTER SIDE.

Falling into a humorous vein, with regard to the work of a Municipal Commissioner, Mr. Bhat said that his contact with the public was not merely confined to morning rounds to the various wards in the city. There were occasions when he was called on the telephone at odd hours of the night and his assistance invoked for things like the stopping of a noise by a factory where an old man was residing or for supplying water in places where it had stopped or for the removal of rats and bugs. There were occasions when people brought to him their domestic worries and all these calls were made on him in good faith and he presumed that he gave them whatever assistance he could, for no more did he hear those voices nor see those faces!

He was struck with the spirit of friendship which bound everybody and thanked the parties for the unstinted support they gave him.

At the outset Mr. Nagindas Master, Mayor paid handsome tributes to the outgoing Commissioner.

Advocate Exonerated

(Before the Hon'ble the Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Chagla.)

In the matter of Shri D. V. Subba Rao, Advocate.

This was an inquiry under the Bar Councils Act for misconduct of D. V. Subba Rao, an advocate enrolled on the appellate side of the Bombay High Court in 1935. In 1941 he had been appointed Assistant Public Prosecutor of Amalpuram in the Madras Presidency. On 18th November 1942 he sent in his resignation as a protest against the repressive policy of the Government. He was convicted by the Madras High Court under the Essential Services Ordinance II of 1941 and sentenced to 6 months' R.I. The matter was referred by that High Court to the Bombay High Court as the Court in which he had been enrolled for inquiry under the Bar Councils Act. The Chief Justice of Bombay constituted a tribunal of inquiry of three members of the Bombay Bar Council which on 29th August found Subba Rao not guilty of professional or other misconduct within Sec. 10 of the Bar Councils Act. On receipt of this finding the matter came up for hearing before Their Lordships under Sec. 12 of that Act.

It was contended on behalf of the Government that he was guilty of misconduct in that he abandoned his work without lawful or reasonable excuse and without informing the Courts to which he was attached and was convicted of an offence under the Essential Services Ordinance.

Their Lordships held that there was no misconduct within Section 10 of the Bar Councils Act on the facts of this case. Mr. Justice Chagla was further of opinion that findings of fact of the Bar Council should ordinarily be accepted by the High Court. Their Lordships, therefore held that there was no need to take disciplinary action in the matter.

Mr. K. J. Khandalawala instructed by Messrs. Manilal Kher and Ambalal appeared for Subba Rao. Mr. R. A. Jaghirdar appeared for the Bar Council. Mr S. G Patwardhan, Assistant Government Pleader, appeared for the Government.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

It was an Allied decision that entrusted the liberation of Greece to British troops, and the Allies cannot now wash their hands of the whole affair. ..If the Greek situation does not clear up in the next few days, a joint deputation from Great Britain the United States and Russia should be sent to Athens to advise the Greek Government and to take such steps as may be necessary to further the common cause.

—ANGLO-INDIA.

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Nor declares Professor Harold Laski, acting chairman of the British Labour Party, could the British Socialist (sic) be happy "while India remained a vast prison-house of which the keys were kept in Downing Street."

Nor has the "British Socialist" been unhappy about it anyhow.

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The Labour Party has been discussing the question of supporting Mr. Winston Churchill till the end of the war in Europe.

After which Mr. Churchill is expected to desert the Junior Maharani himself.

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Mr. Haden Guest, however, insists that Mr Churchill's policy in France and elsewhere "unfits the Prime Minister to lead the Government in which Labour forms such an important part"

On the contrary such a Labour Party deserves the Premier it has got.

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You must, we are sure, have been profoundly impressed by the vigour with which Comrade M. N. Roy has gone for Comrade Jamnadas M. Mehta. We were.

But Comrade Roy is late. Very late. Comrade Jamnadas M. Mehta has already reached his destination.

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A Unionist member of the Punjab Assembly has thrown out a challenge and a Muslim League member has accepted it that both should resign and seek re-election.

We earnestly hope they do.

We are looking forward to it and the subsequent fun.

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Field Marshal Alexander has received instructions from Mr. Churchill "to end the fighting in Greece as quickly as possible provided this can be done with full assurance of future peace and co-operation among all political parties."

Was this directive drafted by Mr. Churchill's India experts who absentmindedly paraphrased the British pledge to end British domination in India as quickly as possible provided etc., etc?

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"Field Marshal Montgomery" Admiral Sir Bruce Fraser confided to Australian Pressmen, "told me that Germans aged between 20 and 25 are hopeless in outlook and cannot be changed and the only thing to do is to kill them."

And who could be a better psychosocialist than Field Marshal Montgomery. Mr. Churchill's ideal man and soldier?

And Field Marshal Montgomery regularly reads the Bible, too!

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She: "In time of trial, what do you suppose brings most comfort to a man?"

He: "A verdict of 'Not Guilty', I should imagine."

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Ignorance and conceit are twins.

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A self-made martyr is a jaw forever.

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To the political victor belong the broils.

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Some men wouldn't take advice if it were offered to them in capsules.

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Wise politicians climb onto the band wagon rather than risk being knocked down and run over by it.

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Some persons are very fortunate in being able to talk without putting themselves to the trouble of thinking.

HALF OF SHIP ON FRERE ROAD GODOWN

Army's Part In Repairing City Docks Explosion Damage

BOMBAY, Dec. 12: Working under conditions as perilous as those of any battlefront, at breakneck speed and with hastily improvised equipment, men of the armed forces gave a remarkable display of co-operation and efficiency when they got to repairing the havoc wrought by the Bombay docks disaster. The docks have now been refilled and are in commission again.

In one place half a ship was lying on the wharf, its forecastle extending over the dock; while the overhanging portion was supported by a floating jib. men working in the fierce heat inside often in gasmasks since the stench from the smouldering warehouses was overpowering—slowly cut through the ship's plates in such a way that the break away of the forecastle from the rest of the vessel would be gradual. It was three weeks before the final cut was made and the overhanging forecastle floated out, its bulkhead closed, into the docks. That done, the rest of the ship had to be cut away from the railway trucks, tracks and lock with which it was hopelessly entangled.

The stern half of a ship perched atop a godown on Frere Road provided another tough job.

The part that jutted out over the road had to be cut away so that traffic could pass.

GOVT. HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.—Lady Colville visited the Bombay Women's Workroom at Caxton House, Frere Road.

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 12.—A private interview took place on Tuesday morning between H.E.H. the Nizam and H.E. the Viceroy Lord Wavell which lasted an hour.

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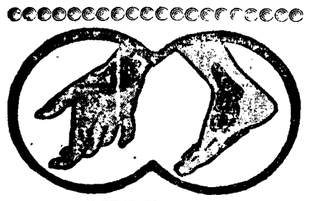

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Steady Decline In Share Bazar

COTTON CORRECTS OVERBOUGHT SITUATION

Bullion Market Reacts After Early Rise.

BOMBAY, December 12.

The Bombay Stock Exchange experienced sagging tendency under long liquidation. There was a marked absence of any support and the session presented tired appearance. Tata Steel Dfds. lost Rs. 33/- Ordinary Rs. 6/- Bombay Dyeings Rs. 23/-. Kohinoor, Swadesh, Nagpur, Simplex and New Great each one lost Rs. 7/-.

Cotton Market was in the process of correcting overbought situation. There was steady and persistent liquidation from professional quarters. The decline is welcomed as it enables to maintain healthy state of the market.

There was extensive buying during the early part of the session in the bullion market but a portion of the improvement was lost in subsequent trading.

The Share Bazaar was quiet today with further long liquidation. Trading was restricted and prices kept on sagging. Tata Steel Defds opened at Rs. 2242 and declined to Rs. 2232. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 404 and declined to Rs. 399. Bombay Dyeing shares opened at Rs. 1853 and sagged to Rs. 1827. Kohinoor Mill shares opened at Rs. 603 and ruled quiet at Rs. 602. Associated Cement shares changed hands at Rs. 242.

There was a continuous flow of selling pressure which in the absence of support resulted in a steady decline which was of a general nature. Tata Steel Dfds. after declining to Rs. 2,212 rallied to Rs. 2,220. Ordinary Shares after declining to Rs. 396/8 rallied to Rs. 398. Bombay Dyeings declined to Rs. 1,813 and closed at Rs. 1,817. Tone was quiet.

Gold And Silver

The local bullion market was again firm today on active professional and general buying. The Reserve Bank sold today 300 bars of Silver at Rs. 123/13 and 75,000 tolas Gold at Rs. 65/5. The recent decline in quotations induced short covering and the market has resumed upward trend under professional buying. Forward Silver opened at Rs. 123/12 and rose to Rs. 124/12 under active buying and later steadied at Rs 124/4. Ready Silver was quoted at Rs. 124/8. Forward Gold also advanced to Rs. 65/10 and steadied at Rs. 65/8 Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 65/12. It appears that the stocks being held by strong parties the market is keeping firm and absence of supplies to general public is forcing up prices.

Later on the market was quiet on some unloading over weekly settlement. Ready Silver Rs. 124 next settlement Rs. 122/15. Ready Gold Rs. 65/11. Next settlement Rs. 65/6. Sovereigns Rs. 45/12.

Bombay Cotton

The cotton market opened to-day at Rs. 441 for March delivery and after declining to Rs. 440 improved to Rs. 441/12 under moderate support. Later on there was increased selling and March declined to Rs. 438/8.

Later on there was heavy unloading by professional bulls and March declined to Rs. 433/12 and steadied at Rs. 435/4 under scattered short covering.

The market was easy and March declined to Rs. 431/8. Thus from the high level in the morning price declined Rs. 10 and naturally attracted some buying with the result but March rallied to Rs. 434/8. The market closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I.C.C. March	.....	433 12	0
I.C.C. May	.....	422 12	0

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton March Contract is 487 cent points below New York March at Exchange rate 331.

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RECORD OF ACTUAL TRANSACTIONS IN SHARES.

BOMBAY, Dec. 12

MILLS.

Ahmedabad Advance 27/8
Apollo 4/2/6 4/1/6 4/2
Bharat 65
Bombay Dyeing 1835 37/8 31/4 36/4 28/12 31/4 28/12 30 13/12 21/4 17/8
Central India 406/8 8/8 5/8 6/8 5/8 6/8 3/8 5 3 5 2/8
Century 847/8
Colaba 227 23/8 24/8
Edward Textile 770 70 72/8 75 72/8
Elphinstone Ord. 88 87
Elphinstone Pref. 126/14, 25/10
Finlay 304 2/8 5 1 3 300/8 303 2/8
Gokak 309 10 7/8 8/8 5/8 7/8
India United Defd. 3/2/3 3/1/6 3/2 3/1 3/1/3
India United Ord. 15/7/6 15/5 15/7 15/6/6
Indore 790 93/12, 82/8 90 86/4
Kohinoor 605 3 4 600 603 598 600 599
Meyer 216/4 15 17/8
Minerva 262/8
Model 256/4 52/8
Morarjee 695 90
New City 395 92/8
New Great 408 9 8 9 5 7 3/8 5
Raja Bahadur Poona 135
Sasscon Silk 92/8
Sassoon Cotton 23
Sholapur 8045
Shri Nivas 355
Simplex 270 68 70 66 67/8 66 69 64 68 65/8 66
Swadeshi 560 57 60 57 59 55 57
Swan 321 20 22 16 17/8
Tata Mill 69/8 68 68/8 68
Vishnu 477/8
Ahmedabad Prantej Rly. 748/12

BANKS.

Central 83/8 83/4 83/8 83
Imperial Old 2020
Imperial New 503/12
India 190 89/8
Reserve 133/8
Union 9/10 9/8

ELECTRIC.

Ahmedabad 223/12
Andhra Valley Ord. 1800
Andhra Valley Pref. 1670
Tramways Ord. 151 50 50/8
Tramways Pref. 71/4
Tata Hydro Ord. 208
Tata Power Ord. 1902/8 1900

INSURANCE.

Indian Mercantile 73/8
New India 82 81 81/8
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Scindia Steam 34/10 34/11 34/9 34/10 34/4 34/6 34/3
Tata Steel Defd. 2242/8 45 32/8 40 31/4 30/4 30 35 12/8 26/4 20
Tata Steel Ord. 404 3 3/8 399/8 401 396/8 99/8 98
Tata Steel 2nd Pref. 163/12 63/8 64 63/12

MISCELLANEOUS.

Alcock 452/8 51/4
Associated Cement 242/8 40/8 41
Belapur 230 29 30 29 29/8
Bombay Burma Old 485 90 85
Bombay Burma New 171/4
B. B. Petrol 3/14
Dharamsey Chemical 56/8
I. I. Trust 124
Port Canning 111, 10
Premier Construction Ord 211 9 10 8 9
Shivrajpur 59 60 59
Tata Chemical 21/2 21
Tata Oil 74/8 74
Western India Match 310
Bombay Cycle Motor 36
Supreme Industries Ord 201

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

	High	Low	Close
I.C.C. March	444/4	439/4	440
I.C.C. May	452	447/4	448

BOMBAY PRODUCE

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

The produce market was steady with a restricted turnover but absence of offerings was felt. Groundnuts Goa delivery was quoted at Rs. 14/12. Khandesh quality was quoted at Rs. 14 and Bombay Bold were quoted at Rs. 13/15 Castorseeds Bombay at Rs. 15/10 and Goa Rs. 15/10 while January/March delivery stood at Rs. 15/2. Linseed C. P. and U.P. was quoted at Rs. 15/2 and Moglai G.I.P. was placed at Rs. 14/14.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

BOMBAY, Dec. 12.

Tata Ordinary 400 Tata Deferred 2231/4 Indian Iron 39/8 Steel Corpn. of Bengal 32/14 Bombay Dyeing 1825 Central India 405/10 Century 845 Gokak 309/6 Kohinoor 600/10 Simplex 2o Andhra Valley 1805 Tata Hydro 207/8 Tata Power 1905 Associated Cement 242 Belapur 229/6 Bombay Burma (Old) 490

ABSENCE OF HEDGE SELLING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

The fewness of hedges reflected effects of the Government programmes, while uncertainties over future Government policies was a restraining factor on far distant months. Prices remained steady on persistent dribbling trade buying and meagreness of contracts and continued talk of Commodity Credit Corporation purchases in the open market for lend-lease purposes. The session closed steady. Both high and low points for the day were recorded during the first ten minutes. December highest was 21.78 and lowest 21.71. The session closed unchanged to 3 points higher Spot cotton prices advanced 3 points at 22.28c. per lb.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.

December	21.74—
January	21.72—
March	21.87+03
May	21.77+02
July	21.51—
October	20.71+01
Dec Highest (10-10 a m)	21.78+04
Dec lowest (10 a m)	21.77—03
Middling Spot	22.28+03

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

December 21.66+05 March 21.88+04 Middling Spot 21.35

NOON CALL

December 21.75 March 21.85 May 21.78

LONDON BULLION

LONDON, Dec. 11

Spot 23-1/2 Forward 23-1/2 Gold bars fine per oz. £8/8/0

LONDON EXCHANGES

LONDON Dec 11.

T. T. London on:—
New York sellers 4.02-1/2 buyers 4.03-1/2 Madrid official 44.00 Montreal sellers 4.43 buyers 4.47 Zurich sellers 17.3 buyers 17.4 Stockholm sellers 16.85 buyers 16.95

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SALES OF TREASURY BILLS.

Tenders for Rs Six Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 12th December. Total amount offered was Rs. 10,15,25,000—(Rupees ten crores fifteen lakhs twenty-five thousand only). Tenders at Rs 99-14-3 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-14-0 allotted approximately 77 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. Six Crores, the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-8-0 per cent per annum

Tenders for Rs. Six Crores of three months' Government of India Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 19th December, in Calcutta upto 11 a.m (Standard Time) and upto the close of business on Monday, the 18th December, at other centres. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 22nd December, or Thursday the 21st December, where Friday is a holiday. Other conditions are as usual

During the week ended 8th December, Government of India Treasury Bills for Rs. 1,86,00,000—(Rupees one crore eighty-six lakhs only) were sold in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

LONDON WHEAT

LONDON, Dec. 11.

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe (new crop) 41 Dec. quoted

Wheat Australian (bulk) 45 Dec/Jany quoted

Wheat Australian (bags) 48 Dec/Jany quoted

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

LONDON, Dec. 11.

	£
Rupee Paper 3-1/2 p c	73
Consols 2-1/2 p c	81-9/16
Conversion Loan 3-1/2 p c 1961	106
War Loan 3-1/2 p c	104
Funding Loan 4 p c 1960/90	113-9/16
Victory bonds 4 p c	113-3/4
Chartered Bank of I. A. & China	10-3/4
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank (London Reg.)	84
National Bank of India	42-3/4

MADRAS SHARE BAZAR.

MADRAS, Dec. 12.

Deccan 37/8, Do. 92, India Sugar 34, Mysore Sugar 61, South India 16/2, Travancore cd. 15/10.

Cochin Malabar 17/4, Chembra Peaks 11, Frangfords 16, High Produce cd. 34/11, Kalpettas cd. 42/4, Malankara 85, Midland cd. 13/4, Nellithanam 14/8, Thirumbadi 4/15, Pullangodes 3/2, Valkundam 22/8, Vellamalai 30/4, Vellitam 31/8, Woodlands 12/8

Calcutta Stock Exchange

CALCUTTA, Dec. 12.

The Market continued fully steady and active and fair turnover took place, Government securities were firm. Following are to-day's final transactions up to 3 p.m.

Coals: Bengal 675; Burrakur 42/6; Deoli 17/8; Equitable 57/12; Ghusick and Muslia 13/12; Burriladih 39/4; Raneegunge 53/14; Sendra 25/4; South Karnpura 27; Ct. Bokara and Ramgur 44/4; East Indian 33/6; Cum Dividend Dhemo Main 26/10; New Beebhom 38/14; Talcher 11/2.

Jutes: Baranagore 215 ex dividend; Champdany 260 s lot; Howrah 82/14; ex dividend; Kankinarrah 556; Presidency 10/15; Caledonian 508; Ganges 542; India 700.

Teas: Baghmari 16/10; Betsan 38/4; Hasqua 15; Hantapara 765; Kaliti 17/12; Rutema 17/2; Sapoi 22/3.—A. P.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

PHILANTHROPIST won the Baroda Cup last Saturday. It is the property of the Maharaja of Parlakimedi. The Cup was presented by the young Maharani of Baroda. Could any sportsman who was at Mahaluxmi kindly enlighten me on the following points:

1. Was H.H. the Maharaja of Parlakimedi present?
2. Who led in the horse?
3. Who went to receive the cup?

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The St. Xaviers College Young Men's sodality are to have a debate on "Boogie-Woogie dances are the highly characteristic expression of the modern spirit." It's about time our young men stopped wasting their time.

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Overheard at the Taj:

Monsieur Cartier (not the jeweller): "There must be a lull on the Russian Front."

Madame Tabuois (not the well-known journalist): "Why?"

M. Cartier: "I see the Comrade-in-charge of the Russia Cafe lunching here."

Madame Tabuois: "Well it was Korchokovolsky the well-known Russian philosopher, who said, 'the Soviet experiment is difficult to understand'."

M. Cartier: "Yes, of course. Long live the revolution."

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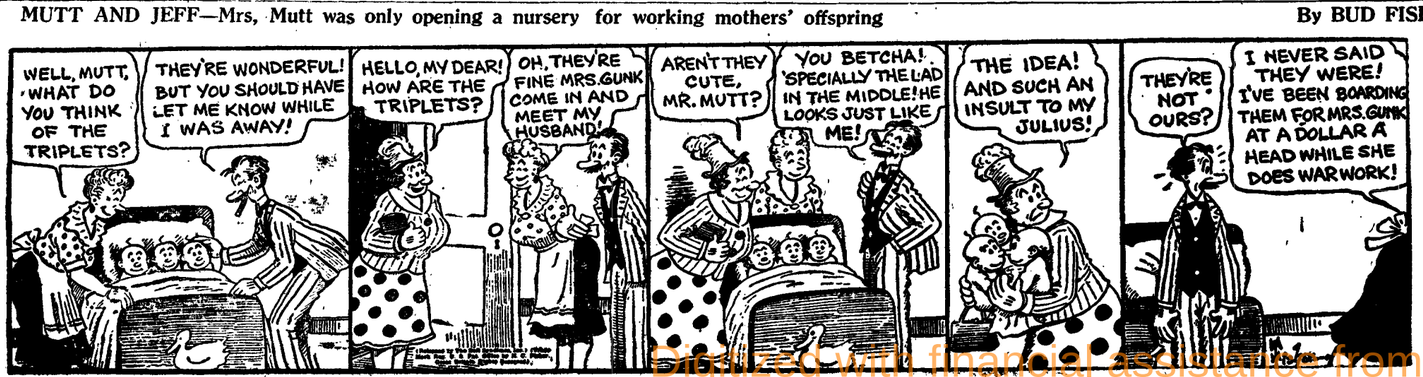
MUTT AND JEFF—Mrs. Mutt was only opening a nursery for working mothers' offspring — By BUD FISHER


WELL, MUTT, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE TRIPLETS?
THEY'RE WONDERFUL! BUT YOU SHOULD HAVE LET ME KNOW WHILE I WAS AWAY!
HELLO, MY DEAR! HOW ARE THE TRIPLETS?
OH, THEY'RE FINE MRS. GUNK COME IN AND MEET MY HUSBAND!
AREN'T THEY CUTE, MR. MUTT?
YOU BETCHA! 'SPECIALLY THE LAD IN THE MIDDLE! HE LOOKS JUST LIKE ME!
THE IDEA! AND SUCH AN INSULT TO MY JULIUS!
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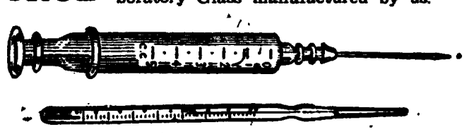

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KRISHNA KISHORE,
Diwan Bahadur,
President,
S. D. College Society, Lahore.
12-12-1944.

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AIR SERVICES OF INDIA, LIMITED

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Scindia House, Ballard Estate, Bombay on WEDNESDAY, the 24th day of January, 1945, at 4 P.M. (S.T.) for considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions as special resolutions:—

1. "That the Capital of the Company, which is Rs. 8,77,705/- represented by 48,918 shares of Rs. 10/- each with Rs. 7/8/- per share paid up and 1082 shares of Rs. 10/- each issued and forfeited and 1032 shares of Rs. 10/- each unissued and 48,918 shares of Rs. 7/8/- each fully paid, be reduced to Rs. 7,33,770 represented by 97,836 shares of Rs. 7/8/- each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling Capital which has been lost or is unrepresented by available assets to the extent of Rs. 2/8/- upon each of the 48,918 shares of Rs. 10/- each issued and outstanding and by extinguishing the liability to the extent of Rs. 2/8/- per share in respect of the said 48,918 shares of Rs. 10/- each and by cancelling the 1082 shares of Rs. 10/- each which remain unissued and the 1082 shares of Rs. 10/- each which have been forfeited and by reducing the nominal amount of the said 48,918 shares of Rs. 10/- each which are issued and outstanding from Rs. 10/- to Rs. 7/8/-."
2. "That subject to the confirmation by the Court of the reduction of Capital as stated in the foregoing resolution and after the same is confirmed the shares in the Capital of the Company be consolidated in such manner that every two of the existing shares of Rs. 7/8/- fully paid-up each shall constitute one Rs. 15/- fully paid-up share upon which the sum of Rs. 15/- shall be credited as having been paid."
3. "That the existing certificates of shares be called in by the Directors and cancelled and that new certificates for shares of Rs. 15/- each in place of two shares of Rs. 7/8/- be issued."
4. "That subject to the confirmation by the Court of the reduction of Capital as stated in the foregoing resolution and after the same is confirmed the Capital of the Company be increased to Rs. 1,05,00,000/- by the creation of 6,51,082 new shares of Rs. 15/- each."

By order of the Board of Directors,
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Scindia House,
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Bombay, 4th December, 1944.

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

NOTICE

Temporary Reduction in Bombay Suburban Train Service.

Arrears in the maintenance of the electric rakes are being gradually overtaken. The train service now provided has been increased from about 55 per cent. of its normal volume to 75 per cent., and it is hoped that this improvement will continue and will enable the full normal service to be restored in about a week.

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PROPOSED TOWN PLANNING SCHEME—MANDVI

NOTICE

THE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION of the City of Bombay have by their resolution No. 763, dated the 23rd November, 1944, reproduced hereunder, declared their intention to make a Town Planning Scheme, Mandvi, for the Area devastated by the Explosions and Fires on the 14th April, 1944, situate within the Island of Bombay, as per schedule annexed hereto.

RESOLUTION NO. 763.

"That as recommended by the Works Committee in their Resolution No. 226, dated the 20th November 1944 and in the circumstances stated in the Commissioner's letter No C. E. S. R. 3496 dated the 8th November, 1944, underlying the Resolution and in modification of previous orders in the matter, the Corporation do declare their intention under Section 9(1) of the Bombay Town Planning Act, 1915, to make a Town Planning Scheme in respect of the areas shown bounded red on the plan (to 400' scale) marked A.E.S.L. 22, dated 1-11-44 and two plans (to 40' scale) marked 22-A and 22-B dated 1-11-44; and described in the Schedule received with the Commissioner's letter, and His Worship the Mayor be requested to arrange for the publication of the necessary notifications and to address Government for their sanction to the making of the scheme as required under Section 9 of the aforesaid Act and as explained in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the letter."

A plan of the Area proposed to be included in the Scheme can be inspected by any person desirous of doing so, at the Municipal Head Office, Cruickshank Road, Fort, on working days during office hours.

If, within one month from the date of publication hereof in the Official Gazette any person likely to be affected by the Scheme communicates in writing to the Provincial Government any objection or suggestion relating to such scheme, the Provincial Government will consider such objection or suggestion.

M. D. BHATT,
Municipal Commissioner
for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Office,
Bombay, 7th December 1944.

SCHEDULE

FIRSTLY.—The area bounded on the South by the northern edge of Carnac Bridge Road upto its junction with Frere Road; on the East by the western edge of Frere Road; on the North by the southern edge of Elphinstone Bridge Road; and on the West by the G.I.P. Railway lines.

SECONDLY:—The area bounded on the South by Bhandari Street from its junction with Sheriff Devji Street upto the point where it meets the G.I.P. Railway lines excluding C. S. Nos. 404 and 405; on the East by the G.I.P. Railway lines; and on the North and West by a line commencing from the G.I.P. Railway lines with its junction with C. S. No. 928 and running along the northern edge of C. S. Nos. 928 to 931, then across Chinch Bunder Road, then along the eastern edge of C. S. Nos. 939 and 938, then along the northern edge of C. S. No. 938, then across Dongri Street, then along the northern edge of C. S. No. 948, then across the western edge of C. S. Nos. 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956 and then along the part of the northern boundary of C. S. No. 957, then along the western and part of the southern boundary of C. S. No. 957, then along the western edge of C. S. Nos. 958 to 962 and a portion of C. S. No. 963, then along the northern edge of C. S. No. 1|967, then along a portion of the western edge of C. S. No. 967, then across Kazi Syed Street and along the northern edge of C. S. No. 973, then along its western edge, then along the portion of the northern boundary of C. S. No. 974 and the northern edge of C. S. No. 976, then across Samuel Street and along the northern, eastern and western and part of the southern edge of C. S. No. 1025, then along the western edge of C. S. No. 1028 and then along a portion of its southern edge, then across Masjid Bunder Road, then along the western edge of C. S. No. 831 and part of northern edge of C. S. No. 833 and along the western edge of C. S. No. 633, 834, 835, 836, 825 and along the southern edge of C. S. No. 825, then along the western edge of C. S. Nos. 837, 838, 839, 840, 842 and 843, then along the northern edge of C. S. No. 823, then along the western edge of C. S. Nos. 823, 822, 820, 819, 818 and a portion of 817, then across the Dariasthan Street, then along the western edge of Dariasthan Street from the northern point of C. S. No. 392 to D'Souza Street, then across D'Souza Street to the northern and western edge of C. S. Nos. 411, 410 and a portion of 409, then along the northern edge of C. S. No. 447 and the western edge of C. S. No. 447, then along a portion of its southern edge and along the western edge of C. S. No. 406.

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NOTICE

ALL PARTIES CONCERNED ARE HEREBY INFORMED that Mr. JAL H. INDOREVALA has left our clients' employ as from the 5th December, 1944. Anybody dealing with him on and from that date will do so at his own risk.

(Sd.) Messrs. PATELL & EZEKIEL
Attorney for
S. MUNCHERJI NANABHOY,
Ship Wrights.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION BOMBAY-SIND

APPLICATIONS are invited by 31-1-1945 for post of ASSISTANT SOLICITOR TO GOVERNMENT in the Legal Department, Bombay. PAY Rs. 300-600. AGE.—Not above 40 years on 1-4-1945. QUALIFICATIONS.—Attorney of the Bombay High Court of at least two years' standing well versed in conveyancing work. Application form supplied on receipt of large addressed envelope with 3½ annas postage stamps and UNCROSSED Indian Postal Order for Re. 1 payable to "Secretary, Bombay-Sind Public Service Commission", Bombay, who will supply full details on request.

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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

IN PARTIAL modification of the advertisement inviting applications for the post of Assistant Inspector, Bengal it is hereby notified that the last date for the receipt of applications has been extended to the 25th December, 1944.

P. B. RUDRA,
Secretary,
Public Service Commission,
Bengal.

Darjeeling,
The 4th December, 1944.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY.

The Divisional Engineer G. I. P. Railway, Poona, invites tenders upto 14 hrs., on 22-12-44 for the construction of one 'H' and 5 'J' type quarters at Dhond.

2. The form of tender, schedule and conditions of contract, may be obtained from his office on payment of Rs. 2/- per set. Plans for the work will be supplied on an additional payment of Rs. 3/-. These sums will not be refunded.

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G. I P. RAILWAY

SUBURBAN TRAIN SERVICE (MAIN LINE)

IT IS NOTIFIED that Kalyan local 346 Up leaving Kalyan at 22-55 hrs. on 13th December, 1944, will NOT halt at Sandhurst Road.

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G. I. P. RAILWAY—TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites tenders for the purchase of second hand and damaged empty kerosene oil tins. Forms obtainable from Stores Head Office, Gipstore Lane Lower Parel, Bombay 13, at Re. 1/- per copy, not refundable. Money order or cash only. Closing date 29-12-1944 at 3 p.m. (N. S. T.)

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NOTICE

APPLICATIONS for appointment to posts of SUB-AUDITORS of Co-operative Societies in the Co-operative Department are invited from persons who are natives of the Province of Bombay. Grade:—Rs. 75-5-2-90 plus dearness allowance admissible under the orders of Government. Minimum Qualifications:—A degree in Law or the degree of B.Com. or B.A. with Economics or Mathematics or B.Sc. with Mathematics or R. A. or the Government Diploma in Co-operation and Accountancy. Age Limit:—25 years in the case of advanced class and 28 years in the case of intermediate or backward class. Last date of receipt of applications:—1ST JANUARY, 1945. Particulars and prescribed form of applications are obtainable from the office of the Registrar, Co-operative Societies and Director of Rural Development, Bombay Province, Poona and will be supplied on cash payment of Re. 1/- or on receipt of a self-addressed (large) envelope bearing postage stamps of the value of 3 1|2 annas and accompanied by an Indian Postal Order (not crossed) for Re. 1/- in favour of the Registrar, Co-operative Societies and Director of Rural Development.

S. M. IKRAM, I.C.S.,
Registrar, Co-operative Societies
& Director of Rural Development, B. P. Poona.

Poona, 9th December, 1944.

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE COURT OF THE ADDITIONAL CIVIL JUDGE, BENARES

Ex. case No. 89 of 1942.
O.S. No. 78 of 1934.
KEDARNATH BAJORIA .. Decree holder.
vs.
SHRI VISHWARADHYA MATH ..Judgment-debtor.

NOTICE TO DEPOSITORS

WHEREAS under the orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad dated 6-2-1942 in F.A. No. 58 of 1934 Receivers have been appointed in the above execution case for the payment of the claims against the Shri Viswaradhya Jangambari Math, Jangambari Benares, in respect of deposits made in the said Math in course of its Banking business, notice is hereby given to all depositors having claims against the said Math to prefer their claims in this court with all documents in proof of the same on or before the 31st day of May 1945.

Given under my hand and seal of the court this the 6th day of December 1944.

B. O.,
(Sd.)
(Munsarim)
Additional Civil Judge's Court,
BENARES.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

THE GOKULDAS CULLIANJI AHMEDNAGAR COTTON PRESS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 21st December, 1944 to 4th January, 1945, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,
VALUBHDAS DAYAL & CO.,
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.

Bombay, 1-12-1944.

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NOTICE

WANTED SEWING MACHINES power driven or foot treadle new or secondhand any good Maker complete with hem stitching attachment. Prepared to pay good prices. Apply Box No. 1313, "Bombay Chronicle".

NOTICE

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By order of the Board,
HEERJI OOMERSEY & CO.,
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents.

Bombay, 1-12-1944.

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA: WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF INSPN. I.S.D. INSPECTION CIRCLE, BOMBAY.

WANTED

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED for the following temporary posts from Male and Female candidates:—

1. STENO-TYPIST:—Scale of pay Rs. 60-4-100-3-160 (Old) and Rs. 50-60-2-80 (New) plus Rs. 15/- Steno-Allowance. Typing speed not less than 35 words per minute and fair knowledge in Shorthand.

2. STENOGRAPHERS:—Scale of pay Rs. 130-5-200 (Old) and Rs. 90-5-160 (New). Speed in Shorthand must not be less than 110 words per minute and 45 words per minute in Typing.

Old scale of pay is applicable to those in continuous Government service prior to 16-7-1931.

The starting salary of Steno-Typist with one year's typing or clerical experience will be fixed at Rs. 60/- in the grade of Rs. 60-2-80, in the case of new entrants, plus Rs. 15/-.

Minimum educational qualifications required is Matriculation which can be relaxed in deserving cases of Steno-Typists only.

The above posts carry the usual Dearness-Allowance (Rs. 18/- p.m. at present) sanctioned from time to time by the Government of India.

No travelling allowance is admissible for interview or for joining the appointments.

Applications should be submitted immediately to the Controller of Inspection, I.S.D. Inspection Circle, Feltham House, Graham Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay, stating age, nationality, educational qualifications etc.

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LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the partnership lately subsisting between PURSHOTTAMDAS LAKHMIDAS MUNI and DWARKADAS LAKHMIDAS MUNI, carrying on business as cloth merchants at 412, Shaikh Memon Street, Bombay, under the name, style and firm of Amratlal and Dhirajlal Company has by mutual consent been dissolved as from Aso Vad Amas S. Y. 2000 (17th October, 1944) on the retirement of the said Dwarkadas Lakhmidas Muni from the said firm. The said Purshottamdas Lakhmidas Muni alone will now carry on business in the name of Amratlal and Dhirajlal Company at the above place and all debts due to or owing by the said firm will be received and paid by the said Purshottamdas Lakhmidas Muni alone who is liable to pay all debts due by the said firm and will meet all liabilities and perform all obligations and engagements of the said late firm of Amratlal and Dhirajlal Company and entitled to receive all debts and outstandings due to the said firm.

Dated this 11th day of December, 1944.

PURNANAND & JASUBHAI,
Solicitors, High Court,
Attorneys for Messrs. Purshottamdas Lakhmidas Muni and Dwarkadas Lakhmidas Muni.

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IN THE COURT OF THE SUBORDINATE JUDGE, COCHIN

O. S. No. 27 of 1944

JOSEPH ELIAS, Eggs Merchant, Ernakulam .. Plaintiff,
A. R. AMINBHAI & CO., Eggs Merchants, Cannaught Market, Camp—Poona ..Defendants.

The above suit for the recovery of Rs. 2,697-13-6 stands posted to 18th December, 1944 for the defendants' appearance and, in default, will be decided exparte.

T.S. VISWANATHA IYER,
Plaintiff's Vakil.

Cochin, 25-11-1944.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

THE BHURTPORE PRESS CO., LTD

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By order of the Board,
PREMJI OOKERDA & CO.,
Secretaries & Agents.

Bombay, 1-12-1944.

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B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY

GRAINSHOP DEPT., BOMBAY.

QUOTATIONS returnable on 18-12-1944 are invited for the supply of the following commodities:

Onions	1000	Bengal Maunds.
Garlic (Dry)	60	" "
Ginger	15	" "
Alvi	250	" "

For particulars, apply at once to the Controller of Grainshops, General Offices, B.B. & C.I. Railway, Churchgate, Bombay.

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AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF "CHEVROLET" MOTOR CAR.

Under instructions from the Presidency Magistrate 2nd Court which was advertised for to-day at Mazagaon Police has been adjourned.

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALES

AUCTION SALE OF MISCELLANEOUS STORES AT MANMAD

By order of the Controller of Supplies, Disposals Branch, Bombay Messrs. Gandhi & Co. Auctioneers will offer for sale by Public Auction on Saturday the 16th instant at 2-30 p.m. (S. T.), at No. 24 Salvage Transit Depot, Manmad:—

Cotton rags, 5 Cwts: Gunny Old 3½ Tons Approx. Gunny bags 1 md. 2000 Nos. Gunny bags 2 md 8373 Nos. metal scrap 6 Cwts. 4 Gallon Kero type tins 7001 Nos Large milk powder tins 80 Nos. Biscuit tins large 161 Nos. Drums 26 Nos Miscellaneous tins 355 Nos. etc.

Terms: Full payment in cash.

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